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We are all fairly aware of the higher cost of living in Connecticut and the concern of local and state government of people moving out of Connecticut. One of the main issues for seniors and retired people is the taxes that are levied on Social Security Benefits. Many seniors who are no longer working and are collecting social security rely on that source of revenue to be able to maintain the homes, pay their mortgages and remain in their communities. Unfortunately, this is becoming harder and harder to accomplish. Rising property taxes, higher mill rates and taxes on social security if forcing them to move to other states which do not tax these benefits. And it seems the loss of population causes a rise in taxes to offset that loss. Its a never ending death spiral.

Americans pay taxes their entire working lives to support Social Security. This is a benefit they have EARNED. It was given to them, it was earned by having their income taxed and put into the social security system. The current system penalizes seniors who have contributed to this system by taxing them once again as they receive their earned benefits. This is done to support a government that is living beyond its means. It is problematic enough to pay high taxes on income when its is earned the first time. But to turn around and tax Social security benefits as a portion being returned is unfair and is harmful to seniors just trying to get by after a long life of work. It does not make any reasonable sense to reduce this earned benefit from our seniors especially since Social Security is to provide with financial support during retirement, not take it away.